

From 1977 until her retirement this year, Barbara Serena served as a public health administrator with the Dickinson-Iron District Health Department in Stambaugh, Michigan. From August 1995 to August 1996, she was the Department's Acting Health Officer. In September 1996 she was named the Department's Health Officer, serving in that capacity until 2002.

Barbara's return to the Upper Peninsula was fortunate for her community and also for Terry Shea, whom she met in 1980 in a crowded restaurant when a friend asked Terry if Barbara could join him at his table. Terry was at that time working TED KENNEDY's presidential campaign in what was then the 11th Congressional District of Michigan.

Throughout Terry and Barbara's long and happy marriage, they have both continued to work in their faith community for families and for the betterment of their community as a whole. It is fair to say that for Barbara, retirement will be as busy as her life has been so far, although both Terry and Barbara hope to have more time for travel. They will intend to remain actively involved in the community and faith based volunteerism that has been a hallmark of their lives.

When I asked Terry what was the most significant thing people in the area think of when they think of Barbara, he said "Her work." That is a lasting legacy, and one that is far from completed.

I congratulate Barbara on her many years of service in public health and wish her well in her retirement. The strength of my northern district is built on the daily efforts of people like Barbara, even though she stands in a special category. I ask you, Mr. Speaker, and my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in this special tribute to a very special woman.

HONORING A. LANCE EMORY

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 18, 2003

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a public servant who has given a great deal not only to his home state of North Carolina, but to his country as a whole.

Since 1969, Mr. A. Lance Emory has been a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). In August, Mr. Lance will retire from the FBI.

He leaves behind a legacy of great achievements and his departure will create quite a void in our nation's highly revered investigative bureau.

A. Lance Emory was born on June 6, 1946 in Greensboro, North Carolina. He graduated from the University of Miami in 1968 with a bachelor's degree in education. He completed his graduate studies in business at Iona College in New Rochelle, New York.

Beginning his career as a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in December 1969, his first assignment was the Springfield office in Illinois where he investigated general criminal matters. Just two years later he was transferred to New York City. Mr. Emory spent six busy years investigating organized crime and drug matters in the FBI office in New York.

In 1977, Mr. Emory was transferred back home to the Tarheel state where he joined the Charlotte office. While in Charlotte, he continued investigating organized crime/drug matters and gained extensive experience in the use of undercover techniques.

In 1983, Mr. Emory received the United States Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service for his investigative accomplishments.

In 1985, as a Supervisory Special Agent, Mr. Emory oversaw the Organized Crime, Drug, Interstate Theft and Government Crime programs. He is recognized as a subject matter expert in the organized crime/drug arena and has represented the FBI in numerous forums.

A short tour in the Legal Attache's office in Canberra, Australia followed . . . and that time abroad would lead to an international assignment for Mr. Emory.

In June 1995, Mr. Emory began his assignment as the Assistant Legal Attache in London. His primary responsibilities were for FBI operations in the Nordic countries.

In August 1999, Mr. Emory assumed his present position as Legal Attache London.

When not travelling the world as a world class FBI associate, Mr. Emory tries to find time to work on his golf game as so many North Carolinians do. When not on the links, he spends as much time as he can with his lovely wife, the former Susan Lierk of Alliance, Nebraska.

It is with a sincere heart that I rise today to thank Mr. Emory for his great service for our nation.

Lance Emory, I salute you for your dedication to your country and to the FBI. May God bless you and your wife as you begin your next adventure together. May you wake each morning and enjoy the immense amount of time you now have together . . . and may this new journey be just as exhilarating.

Thank you, Lance Emory. From all of us.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM KOLBE

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 18, 2003

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I was at a meeting with President Bush at the White House and missed the vote on H. Res. 319, on Ordering the Previous Question providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 2691, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

TIME FOR THE OLIVE BRANCH TO TAKE ROOT

HON. JESSE L. JACKSON, JR.

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 18, 2003

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a passionate proponent of achieving a just, lasting and comprehensive peace in the Middle East.

For too long, the Holy Land has been soaked in blood and scorched by hate. In the last 31 months alone, the devastating conflict between the Israelis and the Palestinians has claimed more than 2,700 lives and has shattered countless others.

With so much lost life, it is time to find peace. It is time to turn from old ways and to "beat their swords into ploughshares." It is time for the olive branch to take root.

Thus, I strongly support the so-called "road map," the Mideast peace plan carefully devised by the United States, European Union, United Nations and Russia and firmly backed by President Bush. Representing precious hope for an end to the violence and a final settlement, the road map envisions two states—one for the Israelis and the other for the Palestinians—living side-by-side, both sovereign, secure, free and democratic.

Under the terms and conditions of the road map, the United States rightly assumes its central role of helping to lead the parties along the path to peace. As an honest and balanced broker and mediator between the two sides, the United States must help both to reconcile differences, to accept obligations, and to take the simultaneous steps for progress and peace.

Undoubtedly, the success of the performance-based road map will require the active leadership and involvement of the United States. It will demand the commitment and courage of the Israelis and the Palestinians. It finally will come when each side gives to the other what it wants for itself.

But, since the publication and formal delivery of the road map, the enemies of peace have attempted to derail it. By launching brutal terrorist attacks against Israelis, they attempt to kill not only innocent civilians but also a diplomatic settlement. These saboteurs intend to undermine the Palestinian Authority, to terrorize the Israeli population, and to perpetuate violence and hate. We must not allow them to succeed in putting roadblocks in the road map.

To remove the obstacles and promote the peace, Congress should give its unqualified and unambiguous approval of the road map. Time is too short and the stakes too high for us not to. Failing now to explicitly endorse the international peace plan risks compromising our interests, rallying the recalcitrant and forestalling a new future in the Middle East.

Hence, the resolution before us rightly commends the President for his vision and commitment to a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian dispute. However, it should be even more specific. The resolution ought to expressly support the road map itself and the ongoing efforts within the international community to implement it.

House Resolution 294 correctly insists that the Palestinians must fulfill their primary obligation to crack down on terrorism and violence against the Israelis. Yet, the resolution should be more comprehensive and balanced. It also ought to call on the Israelis to meet their responsibilities under the road map to dismantle illegal outposts and freeze settlements.

The measure properly recognizes and respects Israel's right to defend and protect its citizens against terror. But, H. Res. 294 should be even more insightful. It ought to acknowledge that the security for which Israel longs and surely deserves will be achieved, not by